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## **U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Parents, Students, Educators to Honor Afterschool Champions from across Country**

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Judge Glenda Hatchett will join hundreds of parents, children, educators, lawmakers and advocates from around the nation on Tuesday, April 28 at a “Breakfast of Champions” at which the Afterschool Alliance will honor Members of Congress and several state Afterschool Champions. Secretary Duncan will present the national *Afterschool for All* Champion award to After School Matters Chair Maggie Daley of Chicago. The “Breakfast” is an annual event organized by the Afterschool Alliance as part of the *Afterschool for All Challenge*. The “Breakfast of Champions” will be at:

**8 AM Tuesday, April 28**  
**902 Senate Hart Office Building**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**WITH**

*U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan*  
*After School Matters Chair Maggie Daley*  
*Judge Glenda Hatchett, Star of “Judge Hatchett”*  
*Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant*

**EXPECTED**

*Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), Representative Danny Davis (D-IL), Representative Phil Hare (D-IL), Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY), Representative George Miller (D-CA) and Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA)*

The state Afterschool Champions being honored are:

- **California:** THINK Together afterschool program Founder and CEO Randy Barth of **Santa Ana**
- **Georgia:** Eagle Ridge Elementary School Principal Jeannette Scott of **Milledgeville**
- **Kentucky:** Dr. Ella Brunner, Associate Professor at Jefferson Community and Technical College in **Louisville**
- **Maryland:** **Montgomery County** Executive Isiah Leggett
- **Michigan:** State Senator Bill Hardiman of **Kentwood**
- **New York:** Deputy Secretary for Education Duffy Palmer
- **Ohio:** State Representatives Tracy Maxwell Heard of **Columbus** and Vernon Sykes of **Akron**.

Also at the breakfast, four young people will share their perspectives on why afterschool programs are so important to them and their families. They are:

*Christopher Carcamo, Houston, Texas*  
*Lauryn Johnson, Farmington Hills, Michigan*  
*Gregory Quintero, Bakersfield, California*  
*Lauryn Savage, Farmington Hills, Michigan*

Bright House Networks sponsored the trips for Johnson, Quintero and Savage, and the United States Tennis Association sponsored Carcamo's trip.

After the "Breakfast of Champions," students, parents and afterschool leaders will meet with hundreds of Members of Congress and aides to discuss the benefits offered by afterschool programs. They will urge Congress to increase support for quality afterschool programs. The *No Child Left Behind Act* authorized \$2.5 billion for the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) initiative this year, and it is currently funded at just \$1.13 billion. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC is the primary federal funding stream for afterschool.

The "Breakfast of Champions" is sponsored by Abbott, United States Tennis Association, Bright House Networks, Marriott, Inc., Open Society Institute, NAMM, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Cable in the Classroom, National Afterschool Association, National League of Cities and Foundations, Inc.

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*The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).*